

## Syntheses and some properties of bis(furoylacetonato) metal(II) and their $\gamma$ -picoline adducts

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### ABSTRACT

The hydrated anhydrous complexes alongside the  $\gamma$ -picoline adducts of bis(furoylacetonato)metal(II) of the form  $M(\text{fbd})_2 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $M(\text{fbd})_2(\gamma\text{-pic})_n$ , where  $n = 0, 1$  or  $2$ ,  $M = \text{Mn(II), Co(II), Ni(II), Cu(II)}$  and  $\text{Zn(II)}$ ;  $\text{Hfbd} = \text{furoylacetonato}$ , have been prepared and characterised using microanalytical data, magnetic moment, infrared and reflectance electronic spectra. All of the complexes have octahedral geometry with the exception of  $\text{Zn}(\text{fbd})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Cu}(\text{fbd})_2(\gamma\text{-pic})$  which are square pyramidal. The anhydrous  $\text{Cu}(\text{fbd})_2$  is square planar.

**Keywords:**  $\gamma$ -picoline adducts, spectroscopic properties, Metal (II) furoylacetonates.

### INTRODUCTION

Several uni- and bidentate nitrogenous adducts with bis( $\beta$ -diketonato)metal(II) complexes are well documented (1-9), where the bis( $\beta$ -diketonato)metal(II) complexes behave as Lewis acids and form five- and six-coordinate adducts with neutral donor molecules. The stability of the adducts depends both on the basicity of the  $\beta$ -diketone and on that of the neutral ligand.

Though bis(furoylacetonato)M(II) (where  $M = \text{Co, Ni, Cu}$ ) have been isolated (10) for the purpose of com-

paring the aromatic character of the furan ring with that of the chelate ring, reports of such nitrogenous base adducts with the bis(furoylacetonato)metal(II) are unknown to the authors.

The present paper describes the synthesis and some properties of the hydrated, anhydrous and the  $\gamma$ -picoline adducts of bis(furoylacetonato)metal(II) of the forms;  $M(\text{fbd})_2 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $M(\text{fbd})_2(\gamma\text{-pic})_n$ , where  $n = 0, 1$  or  $2$ ;  $M = \text{Mn(II), Co(II), Ni(II), Cu(II)}$  and  $\text{Zn(II)}$ ;  $\text{Hfbd} = 1\text{-}2(\text{furyl})\text{-}1,3\text{-butanedione}$ ;  $\gamma\text{-pic} = \gamma\text{-picoline}$ . It is of further interest to study the effect of the coordinated  $\gamma$ -picoline on the vibrational spectra and the electronic transitions of the parent bis(furoylacetonato)metal(II) complexes.

### EXPERIMENTAL

1-(2-furyl)1,3-butenedione was purchased from Eastman Kodak Company and the metal salts were of reagent grade or purer.

The complexes  $[M(\text{fbd})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}]$  ( $M = \text{Mn(II), Co(II), Ni(II), Zn(II)}$ ) and the  $[M(\text{fbd})_2]$  ( $M = \text{Mn(II), Co(II), Ni(II), Cu(II)}$ ) and  $\text{Zn(II)}$ ) were prepared by standard methods. (11,12) The hydrated complexes were recrystallized from 95% ethanol while the anhydrous chelates were obtained by heating the hydrates over phosphoric oxide in a vacuum pistol between 110 and 120°C. Prior to dehydration,  $\text{Ni}(\text{fbd})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Zn}(\text{fbd})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  were obtained as monohydrates. An attempt to isolate the Fe(II) chelate starting from iron(II) ammonium sulphate, afforded a red chelate which analysed as the tris-chelate,  $\text{Fe}(\text{fbd})_3$ . Infrared, UV-VIS and magnetic moment measurements gave results similar to those obtained for  $\text{Fe}(\text{fbd})_3$  in an earlier work. (13)

The adducts were obtained by an adaptation of Graddon's method. (9) This involved dissolving the anhydrous  $M(\text{fbd})_2$  with excess  $\gamma$ -picoline in petroleum ether (60-80°C) and refluxing for 3-4 hours. The products were allowed to crystallize out overnight and filtered under suction. Crystals were washed with petroleum ether and allowed to dry under suction.

Microanalyses were carried out by the Microanalytical laboratory of the University of Ibadan. The analytical data for the complexes are summarized in TABLE 1.

Physical measurements. The IR spectra as KBr discs were recorded using a Perkin Elmer 283B IR spectrophotometer whilst the Diffuse reflectance spectra were recorded in the 40,000-10,000 $\text{cm}^{-1}$  range at room temperature on a Perkin Elmer UV 552 spectrophotometer equipped with a reflectance attachment, using  $\text{BaCO}_3$  as reference. Peak positions were read off on a Perkin Elmer IR Data Station with a UV Programme IF 552 Disc, hooked through a Perkin Elmer 283 on-line Communication Accessory. Magnetic moment measurements were made by Gouy method.

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The analytical data given in TABLE 1 reveal monohydrates for Ni(II) and Zn(II) - furoylacetonates and dihydrates for Mn(II) and Co(II) whilst the Cu(II) chelate was obtained in the anhydrous form only. All the anhydrous bis(furoylacetonato)metal(II) complexes yielded 1:2  $\chi$ -picoline adducts except  $\text{Cu}(\text{fbd})_2$  which afforded a 1:1 adduct. Such 1:1 adducts of  $\text{Cu}(\text{acac})_2$  and  $\text{Cu}(\text{bzac})_2$  with quinoline(2) pyridine(2) and  $\chi$ -picoline(2) have been reported as having magnetic moments (1,2),  $\mu = 1.8 - 2.0\text{B.M.}$ , which clearly established a square-pyramidal geometry for such adducts.

As a result of X-ray analysis, 5-coordination of copper(II) is established in at least seven crystalline copper(II) compounds:- copper(II) selenite dihydrate(14), tetrammine - copper(II) sulphate monohydrate(15), anhydrous cupric formate(16) bis(dimethylglyoxime) copper(II) (16), dichloro(dimethylglyoxime) copper(II)(2), di-iodo-bis(dipyridyl) copper(II)(2) and the mineral  $\text{Cu}_8\text{Mg}_8(\text{CO}_3)_4(\text{OH})_{24}\cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (17). Thus unsymmetrical 4-coordination of copper(II) is somewhat very rare.

The magnetic moments of  $\text{Cu}(\text{fbd})_2$  and  $\text{Cu}(\text{fbd})_2(\chi\text{-pic})$  at 293K are 1.94 and 1.87 B.M. respectively and therefore closely resemble those(2) for  $\text{Cu}(\text{acac})_2$  and  $\text{Cu}(\text{acac})_2(\chi\text{-pic})$ .

The d-d absorption bands in this type of complexes are rather difficult to assign however the reflectance

#### ANALYSES AND

Compound	Colour	* Mpt/Decomp
$\text{Mn}(\text{fbd})_2\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{MnO}_8$ )	yellow	136-138
$\text{Mn}(\text{fbd})_2$ ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{MnO}_6$ )	brown	190-192*
$\text{Mn}(\text{fbd})_2(\chi\text{-pic})_2$ ( $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{26}\text{MnN}_2\text{O}_6$ )	orange	114-116*
$\text{Co}(\text{fbd})_2\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{CoO}_8$ )	yellow	130-132
$\text{Co}(\text{fbd})_2$ ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{CoO}_6$ )	orange	> 250
$\text{Co}(\text{fbd})_2(\chi\text{-pic})_2$ ( $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{26}\text{CoN}_2\text{O}_6$ )	reddish	128-129*
$\text{Ni}(\text{fbd})_2\cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{NiO}_7$ )	leafy-green	140-141
$\text{Ni}(\text{fbd})_2$ ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{NiO}_6$ )	dark-green	177-178
$\text{Ni}(\text{fbd})_2(\chi\text{-pic})_2$ ( $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{26}\text{H}_2\text{NiO}_6$ )	dirty-green	200-204*
$\text{Cu}(\text{fbd})_2$ ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{CuO}_6$ )	green	230-232
$\text{Cu}(\text{fbd})_2(\chi\text{-pic})$ ( $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{CuNO}_6$ )	green	190-191*
$\text{Zn}(\text{fbd})_2\cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}^{07}\text{Zn}$ )	cream	138. 139
$\text{Zn}(\text{fbd})_2$ ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_6\text{Zn}$ )	cream	140-142
$\text{Zn}(\text{fbd})_2(\chi\text{-pic})_2$ ( $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{Zn}$ )	grey	106-107*

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TABLE I  
 MAGNETIC MOMENTS FOR THE COMPLEXES

T <sup>o</sup> C	% C		% H		% N		% Metal		$\mu$ eff. 293K B.M.
	Calcd.	Found	Calcd.	Found	Calcd.	Found	Calcd.	Found	
48.87	48.42	4.61	4.66	-	-	13.97	13.82	5.85	
53.80	53.52	3.95	4.64	-	-	15.38	15.45	5.62	
62.11	61.88	4.84	4.87	5.17	5.19	10.15	10.11	6.01	
48.38	48.10	4.57	4.62	-	-	14.84	14.36	4.96	
53.20	52.98	3.91	4.34	-	-	15.54	15.27	4.89	
61.66	61.43	4.81	5.12	5.14	5.12	10.80	10.65	5.00	
50.71	50.64	4.26	4.92	-	-	15.49	15.20	3.28	
53.24	53.24	3.91	4.15	-	-	16.26	16.26	3.13	
61.68	61.72	4.81	5.12	5.14	5.53	10.77	10.73	3.28	
52-53	52.26	3.86	4.02	-	-	17.37	17.16	1.94	
57.57	57.51	4.61	4.72	3.05	3.20	13.85	13.85	1.87	
49.83	49.58	4.18	4.98	-	-	16.95	16.79	Diamagnetic	
52.27	52.27	3.84	3.95	-	-	17.78	17.67	Diamagnetic	
60.94	60.72	4.72	4.80	5.08	5.08	11.84	11.72	Diamagnetic	



TABLE II (contd)

	26.67	$\bar{\Gamma} - \bar{\Gamma}^*$ (Furyl)
	21.20	C.T.
	17.54	${}^2B_{1g} \longrightarrow {}^2E_g$
	15.63	${}^2B_{1g} \longrightarrow {}^2B_{2g}$
	14.29	${}^2B_{1g} \longrightarrow {}^2A_{1g}$
$Zn(fbdl)_2 \cdot H_2O$	37.60	$\bar{\Gamma} - \bar{\Gamma}^*$ (Intraligand)
	33.40	$\bar{\Gamma}_{3-} - \bar{\Gamma}_{4-}^*$
	29.80	$\bar{\Gamma} - \bar{\Gamma}^*$ (Furyl)

TABLE III IMPORTANT INFRARED BANDS FOR THE COMPLEXES (cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Complexes	$\nu_{asy} C=O$	$\nu_{asy} C-C$	$\nu_{asy} C=O$	$\nu_{asy} C-C$	$\nu_{M-O}$
$Mn(fbdl)_2 \cdot 2H_2O$	1575(s)	1538(s)	1389(s)	1282(m)	645(s), 582(s), 460(w), 385(m), 300(m)
$Mn(fbdl)_2$	1587(m)	1550(vs)	1370(vs)	1212(m)	640(s), 582(s), 458(m), 383(w), 328(m)
$Mn(fbdl)_2(\delta-pic)_2$	1560(vs)	1504(vs)	1385(s)	1274(s)	620(s), 560(s), 448(m), 363(w), 313(sh)
$Co(fbdl)_2 \cdot 2H_2O$	1600(vs)	1575(s)	1370(s)	1250(vs)	650(s), 580(m), 464(w), 394(m), 311(m)
$Co(fbdl)_2$	1595(s)	1530(m)	1315(m)	1260(m)	648(m), 580(m), 462(s), 395(w), 335(m)
$Co(fbdl)_2(\delta-pic)_2$	1570(vs)	1510(vs)	1300(s)	1260(m)	633(m), 568(s), 450(w), 385(sh), 320(m)
$Ni(fbdl)_2 \cdot H_2O$	1592(s)	1550(vs)	1361(s)	1290(s)	660(s), 579(s), 465(m), 402(m), 314(w)
$Ni(fbdl)_2$	1605(s)	1504(s)	1360(s)	1280(m)	662(s), 580(m), 465(m), 405(w), 342(sh)
$Ni(fbdl)_2(\delta-pic)_2$	1600(s)	1560(s)	1330(m)	1217(w)	652(s), 569(s), 452(m), 390(sh), 330(w)
$Cu(fbdl)_2$	1595(vs)	1563(s)	1399(m)	1299(m)	673(m), 600(w), 560(sh), 556(m), 350(m)
$Cu(fbdl)_2(\delta-pic)$	1560(s)	1538(s)	1370(s)	1282(m)	654(s), 577(m), 545(sh), 532(w), 336(w)
$Zn(fbdl)_2 \cdot H_2O$	1587(s)	1554(s)	1361(s)	1285(s)	653(m), 594(w), 560(m), 387(sh), 300(w)
$Zn(fbdl)_2$	1590(vs)	1570(vs)	1320(m)	1250(m)	657(s), 590(w), 552(w), 385(w), 330(sh)
$Zn(fbdl)_2(\delta-pic)_2$	1570(s)	1515(m)	1370(s)	1290(s)	646(m), 578(sh), 530(m), 375(w), 315(w)

spectra of  $\text{Cu}(\text{fbd})_2$  and  $\text{Cu}(\text{fbd})_2(\gamma\text{-pic})$  (TABLE II) are found to be somewhat similar to that reported by Walker and Li(18) for related compounds.

The dihydrates  $\text{M}(\text{fbd})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  are expected to be monomeric and octahedral in geometry whilst the anhydrous  $\text{M}(\text{fbd})_2$ ,  $\text{M}=\text{Mn}(\text{II})$ ,  $\text{Co}(\text{II})$ ,  $\text{Ni}(\text{II})$  and  $\text{Zn}(\text{II})$  are estimated to have a polynuclear octahedral geometry like the corresponding metal(II)acetylacetonates(1). The five-coordinate monohydrate,  $\text{Zn}(\text{fbd})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  is consistent with a similar square-pyramidal structure determined from X-ray study of the analogous  $\text{Zn}(\text{acac})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  compound(19).

TABLE II shows the electronic transitions of the complexes. The assignments in the UV region is based on previous work(13) on the trischelates,  $\text{M}(\text{fbd})_3$ . There is a general bathochromic shift of the absorption maxima in the visible region on addition of the

$\gamma$ -picoline. The d-d bands of the hydrates are at a higher wavenumber than those of the anhydrous forms.

The magnetic moment values given in TABLE I for the complexes are consistent with the  ${}^6\text{A}_{1g}(\text{S})$ ,  ${}^4\text{T}_{1g}(\text{F})$  and  ${}^3\text{A}_{2g}(\text{F})$  ground terms for octahedral  $\text{Mn}(\text{II})$ ,  $\text{Co}(\text{II})$  and  $\text{Ni}(\text{II})$  ions respectively. The various other assignments made in TABLE II are consistent with those of the corresponding acetylacetonate analogues.

TABLE III summarizes some important infrared bands for the complexes. Band assignments have been made according to the literature. (1, 20-23). It does seem however that no clear correlation exists between the perturbed C-O stretching vibrations and the strength of M-O bonds. The bands below  $700\text{cm}^{-1}$  may be considered to contain M-O stretching character to varying degrees because of the strong coupling between the vibrational modes of the chelate rings. It is observed from the M-O region that adduct formation causes a low frequency shift of the M-O stretching bands. Similar low-frequency shifts have been reported(24) for a bis(nitrogenous base) adducts of nickel(II) acetylacetonates. This shift observed for the  $\text{M}(\text{fbd})_2(\gamma\text{-pic})_n$  adducts is probably as a result of increased electron density around the central metal ion due to inductive effect of the 4-methyl group in  $\gamma$ -picoline. This also confers a measure of stability

on the  $\gamma$ -picoline adducts(9). The M-O stretching frequencies are fairly consistent with the Irving-Williams stability order:  $\text{Mn}(\text{II}) > \text{Co}(\text{II}) < \text{Ni}(\text{II}) < \text{Cu}(\text{II}) > \text{Zn}(\text{II})$ . As a result of poor resolution in the region below  $300\text{cm}^{-1}$ , it has not been possible to make any categorical M-N assignments which are expected to lie below  $300^{-1}$  (26).

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